

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Brunke, Chiasson, Daly, Davidson (by telephone), Garbutt, Gunn, Guy, Hendry, Lanyi, Larivière (by video-conference), McCrank, O'Brien, Perry, Taylor, Wilson and Young, Parent Commissioners Komm and McClelland

Personnel:

Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training,
R. Ahern
Assistant Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Assistant Director of Human Resources, D. Giroux

REGRETS: Commissioners Dexter, Jawbone and Shea

The Director General, M. Dawson, the Deputy Director General/Director of Finance and Human Resources, P. Lamoureux and the Secretary General, R. Vézina were also present.

Call to Order

The Chair, Commissioner Chiasson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

C-09/10-228

Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lanyi that the Agenda be approved with the addition of:

- 4.2 Senior Staff of Schools Plan 2010-2011
- 4.2 Hiring of Administrators
- 4.3 Loan – Purchase of Eardley Elementary School Building

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-229

Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Minutes of a meeting held on April 27, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman presented his oral report. Topics included:

- Spring conference 2011 presentation at Mont-Tremblant
- Meeting with Mayor of Gatineau with Chair of French Board re intersection of Vanier and Du Plateau and ententes between boards and the City
- Music Makers 10th anniversary

- Auditor General's report
- QESBA praised Paul Lamoureux on School Board Finance Committee

Director General's Report

The Director General presented his oral report and distributed a Power Point presentation (annex 1). He presented his Senior Staff of Schools Plan for 2010-2011 (annex 2). He mentioned that there would be some retirements in the coming years.

Other specific topics discussed by the Director General:

- Bill 86 – postponing 2011 school board elections
- A fifth day has been added to the scheduled fall “rendez-vous”
- Budget Omnibus Law and follow-up
- Statistics on enrolment, demographics, buildings, manpower, cultural issues
- Bus accident in Chelsea area
- Update on student injured behind Pontiac High School

Paul Lamoureux presented information on:

- School taxation
- Purchase of Eardley School building
- Award of Recognition by Hydro Québec for optimizing energy at the Board Office
- Students of Poltimore School were received by Prime Minister Harper during their field trip to the Sugar Bush

C-09/10-230

Senior Staff of Schools Plan 2010-2011

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Perry that the Principal/Vice-Principal assignments for the 2010-2011 school year be approved as presented by the Director General in the Senior Staff of Schools Plan 2010-2011.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-231

Hiring of Administrators

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the normal formalities be waived to accommodate any possible need to fill new administrative postings as soon as possible, on condition that the Director General notify all commissioners when assignments are finalized.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-232

Loan – Purchase of Eardley Elementary School Building

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board wishes to exercise its option to purchase the Eardley Elementary School building;

WHEREAS notice has been given to the present owner of Western Québec School Board's intent to exercise its option to purchase;

WHEREAS according to the terms of the agreement entered into between the owner and the Western Québec School Board, the Western Québec School Board must pay the owner the sum of three million two hundred thousand dollars (3 200 000,00 \$) on or before July 1, 2010, in order to exercise its option to purchase;

WHEREAS in order to proceed with the purchase, the Western Québec School Board wishes to enter into an agreement with a financial institution to borrow money in an amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (1 500 000,00 \$), on such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Western Québec School Board administration proceed to obtain any and all necessary authorizations to enter into a loan agreement with a financial institution in an amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (1 500 000,00 \$), on such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate.

Carried unanimously

QESBA Report

QESBA will be going to Québec City to comment on the Vérificateur général's report.

C-09/10-233

Executive Committee Report – May 18, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of May 18, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-234

Recognition of the Director General

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, following a review process and in accordance with the Regulation Respecting the conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards, the Director General be recognized at the maximum performance bonus for his contribution to the success of the board operation for the period ending June 30, 2010.

Carried unanimously

The Director General thanked Council and his administrative team.

C-09/10-235

Education Committee Report – May 5, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Education Committee minutes of May 5, 2010.

Carried unanimously

- C-09/10-236 Business Committee Report – April 27, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Business Committee minutes of April 27, 2010.
Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-237 Special Education Advisory Committee Report – April 12, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Board acknowledge receipt of the SEAC minutes of April 12, 2010
Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-238 Special Education Advisory Committee Report – May 10, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Board acknowledge receipt of the SEAC minutes of May 10, 2010
Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-239 Consultative Transportation Committee Report – May 12, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Consultative Transportation Committee minutes of May 12, 2010.
Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-240 One Year Contract 2009/2010 - Contract #600 – TansporAction**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #600 (2009/2010) negotiated with TansporAction in the amount of Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty dollars (\$3420.00) be approved.
Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-241 One Year Contract 2009/2010 - Contract #601 – TansporAction**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #601 (2009/2010) negotiated with TansporAction in the amount of Eight Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$8 600.00) be approved.
Carried unanimously

Commissioner Young mentioned that the Western Québec School Board has won top award for best Safety Campaign in the Province. He spoke about the interpretation of the Transportation Policy and mentioned that changes would be proposed in the near future.

C-09/10-242

Safety Campaign 2009-2010

WHEREAS the Safety Campaign Committee organized an outstanding campaign this year;

WHEREAS the Western Québec Safety Committee has been nominated among the 69 school boards to win L'ATEQ'S Francois Maurais Trophy for best campaign;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the School Board Chairman write a congratulatory letter to the safety campaign members.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-243

Parents' Committee Report – April 26, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Komm that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of April 26, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-244

Approval of Accounts – February 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of February 2010 be approved in the amount of **\$3,840,080.63**.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-245

Rescind Policy A-7 – *Complaints*

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that Policy A-7 – *Complaints* be rescinded.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-246

Adoption of By-Law 18 – Establishing procedures for the Examination of Complaints

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that, as recommended by the Corporate Committee and following the consultation process, By-Law 18 – *Establishing procedures for the Examination of Complaints* be adopted.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Davidson left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

C-09/10-247

School Milk Programme

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec (FCSQ) be mandated to negotiate a contract for school milk on behalf of the Western Québec School Board for the school year 2010-2011 (Lait école Phase 16: Projet G10-11-150);

The Board is committed to upholding the framework agreement binding the FCSQ to the chosen contractor. Consequently,

Western Québec School Board cannot decide to choose another contractor or to negotiate separate prices for itself;

Furthermore, the Board accepts that the cost of managing the tender and the contract taken on by the FCSQ in the amount of 0,001 \$ per container of milk already included in the product's purchase price.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-248

Appeals Sub-Committee Report

CONSIDERING that, following the recommendations of the Discipline Committee, Council voted, on April 27th, 2010 to expel student BOMT30079308 from Philemon Wright High School and all schools of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year;

CONSIDERING that pursuant to this decision, the parent of the student proceeded to appeal Council's decision to expel the child and requested that Council's decision be reconsidered;

CONSIDERING that a meeting of the permanent Appeals Sub-Committee was convened by the Secretary General on May 18th, 2010;

CONSIDERING that the hearing before the Appeals Sub-Committee took place and that the parent's arguments were heard;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that Council's decision of April 27th, 2010 be modified so that the child be granted the opportunity to write his final exams.

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on June 29, 2010.

NOTE: There will be a Business Committee of The Whole on June 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

C-09/10-249

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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